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CHICAGO-ONLY IN AMERICA. SPIES CAME IN [redacted] OPENLY DISCUSS THEIR BUSINESS-THE ESSENCE OF

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO AND AMERICAN BAR UNUSUAL TWO-DAY CONFERENCE ON CONGRESSIONAL INTELLIGENCE. THE STARS WERE A WHO'S WHO OF ALTHOUGH MANY COLLEAGUES; GIVEN THE ESSENCE NEVER ATTEND SUCH A GATHERING.

NOT SO LONG AGO; THE CONCLAVE WOULD HAVE BE BIG-SHOT CIA OR FBI OFFICIAL MIGHT APPEAR (W BEFORE A CLOSED SESSION OF A CONGRESSIONAL C AN OPEN UNIVERSITY FORUM.

NOW; THERE ARE DOUBTS ABOUT OUR INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITIES THAT RIVAL THE DOUBTS RAISED BY THE JAPANESE ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR WHICH LED TO CREATION OF THE CIA. FURTHER; EVENTS SUCH AS A COUP D'ETAT IN CHILE AND A BREAK-IN OF A ROOM AT THE WATERGATE HAVE RAISED QUESTIONS ABOUT INTELLIGENCE EXCESSES.

THE AIM OF THE CONFERENCE; ARRANGED BY CHICAGO ATTORNEY MORRIS LEIBMAN; WAS TO "DEFINE THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY AND THE CONGRESS; THE JUDICIARY AND THE PUBLIC THROUGH LEGISLATION."

IF IT DIDN'T OFFER ANSWERS ON SEVERAL RELATED MATTERS-INTELLIGENCE CHARTERS; THE ROLE OF THE JUDICIARY AND CONGRESS IN INTELLIGENCE OR THE PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO KNOW VS. THE NEED FOR OPERATIONAL SECRECY-IT REVEALED DISPUTES THAT MAKE THE DEBATE AS CONTENTIOUS AS IT IS IMPORTANT. AN EXAMPLE:

"THE NEW YORK TIMES OFTEN PRINTS; WITH APPALLING FREQUENCY; CIA INFORMATION;" SAID AN UNHAPPY DANIEL B. SILVER; GENERAL COUNSEL FOR THE CIA.

"LEAKED FROM WHERE; DO YOU THINK?" SNAPPED FLOYD ABRAMS; COUNSEL TO THE NEW YORK TIMES.

"WE HAVE OUR SUSPICIONS;" RETORTED AN UNSMILING SILVER.

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AN OPENING DINNER FEATURED CHICKEN; GREEN BEANS; ARTICHOKE HEARTS; PINOT-CHARDONNAY-MACON AND FRANK C. CARLUCCI; DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE CIA.

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